

MINUTES

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

JANUARY 31, 2003

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on January 31, 2003 with Dr. Stu Tobin presiding.

Present were:

Council

Dr. Stu Tobin, Chair
Mary Helen Adams
Christi Bailey
Karl Benson
Stan Campbell
Ann Farmer
William Hansen
Carolyn Ingram
Kay McCollum
Pat Patton
Jackie White

KDLA

Jim Nelson
Richard Belding
Lori Harlan
Diane Poole
Kelly Reed
Christie Robinson

EAH Cabinet

Lou DeLuca

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stu Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made to Stan Campbell. Mr. Campbell is Director of Libraries at Centre College in Danville and he is representing academic libraries. Stu Tobin called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the October 25, 2002 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

EAH CABINET UPDATE

Deputy Secretary, Lou DeLuca, urged the Council to speak with their Legislators about the importance of keeping libraries fully funded and the importance of passing a budget.

KLA REPORT

Sue Burch, newly elected KLA President, was unable to attend the meeting, but plans are being made for the KLA Annual Conference in Louisville, October 8-11, 2003. This year's theme will be "Libraries in Defense of Freedom" and will focus on access to government information, freedom of information, right of privacy, digital copyright, intellectual freedom, challenged books, the digital divide, and fair use.

LSTA UPDATE

Diane Poole reported that the current bill for LSTA reauthorization funding has cleared the House and is now in the Senate. We are trying to encourage our Senators to sponsor Senate Bill #238 for support in the passing of this bill. KDLA received half of the allotment from the Institute for Museum and Library Services and will receive the other half of the allotment after the bill is passed.

The Council was given copies of the LSTA Annual Report for 2002, which has been sent to Washington for review, and the LSTA Annual Program Portfolio. Diane explained that 2004 LSTA projects will be presented to the Council at our next meeting in April.

POSSIBLE IMLS GRANT PROPOSAL

Jim Nelson distributed a press release of a proposed initiative sponsored by Laura Bush to focus on the recruitment and training for the next generation of librarians. Over the next 16 years, America's libraries are projected to lose 68 percent of their professional librarians. This proposed initiative will help recruit people into the field of library science if the proposal is passed by Congress.

Jim explained that in connection with the Laura Bush proposal, he would like to see KDLA develop a recruitment policy for our state in partner with the UK School of Information Science and the Kentucky Library Association. Jim has been working on a draft of a recruitment policy, which is aimed at adding diversity and broadening the scope of people who may be interested in the library science profession. Advisory Council members are welcome to work on this proposal if interested. Please contact Jim Nelson.

Jim also advised the Council that we have presented the legislative language changes to our scholarship program and Representative DeWeese from Louisville will be sponsoring that bill for us. At this time we do not have an assigned bill number, but we will contact you when that happens and urge you to contact your legislators about the passage of the scholarship fund.

BUDGET REDUCTION ISSUES

The Council was given a copy of a memo that was sent to the public libraries and boards of trustees across the state explaining our current budget reductions and how those budget cuts may impact their libraries. Each county would have to take a \$.05 per capita reduction for the next fiscal year, which would change the amount of the State Aid grants they have received in the past. Our support to the Council on Postsecondary Education for the KYVL databases has also been cut from our budget. Hopefully, the Legislators will pass a budget soon and help us get through the Commonwealth's budget deficit.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Council has been in discussion about the possibility of KDLA forming a non-profit development fund to assist KDLA in its library support programs. Stu explained that other state agencies such as KET, the Arts Council, the Historical Society, and state universities hold public fund raisers to help fund state programs with private contributions. Stu explained that this would be a long term project aimed more at corporate level giving, rather than individually oriented contributions.

Stu would like to form a committee to investigate the possibility of KDLA establishing a non-profit fund to help support public libraries and programs. Please contact Stu Tobin or Jim Nelson if you are interested in serving on this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Nelson advised the Council that KDLA will assist the Office of Aging Services in distributing information about a discount prescription drug assistance program for the elderly. Senior Citizen Centers and many other organizations will help seniors fill out the applications for the program. More information about the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can be found at: <http://chs.state.ky.us/aging>.
- KDLA is also assisting in the distribution of information regarding the new File Free Alliance, which provides free online tax return filing for low income individuals. More information about this service can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/app/fr/jsp/index.jsp>.
- A copy of the brochure *Connect Kentucky* was distributed to Council members. This brochure was prepared by the Center for Information Technology and reports on connectivity and network infrastructure throughout the Commonwealth. KDLA is listed as a partner under Public Access Points on page 21 of the brochure. For more information about the brochure access: www.connectkentucky.org.
- Richard Belding invited the Council to join him in a tour of KDLA's Document Management Digitization System (DMDS). This branch has the capability of converting materials into several different formats, for a contracted fee, which also will help reduce the amount of paper holdings bringing sent to the Archives.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date has been set for Friday, April 25, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT